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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

There follows a translation of an article appearing in the March 21st issue of the conservative New York Russian newspaper, Novoye Russkoye Slovo (New Russian Word).

STRONG ASKS STALIN FOR AN INVESTIGATION

Anna Louise Strong through her lawyer Rogge has sent to the State Department a letter addressed to Stalin. In it the author - fellow traveler asks "His Excellency" to initiate an investigation of the actions of the Soviet authorities who arrested her and sent her out of Moscow on February 14 without any kind of charges or the receipt of an explanation. The arrest has interrupted her "important work in the matter of strengthening peace."

Strong only demands vindication. She does not intend to return to Moscow even if she would now receive permission. She says that the last time she talked with Stalin was in 1932.

The State Department refuses to transmit Strong's letter and it is necessary for her to make use of airmail. Ordinarily, it takes two weeks for the delivery of a letter.

Strong lectured in the "Community Church" in Boston today.

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